

## GAS CO. BOOKS DEMANDED TO SHOW VALUE

Auditor Decides Four  
Points in Favor of  
Company.

"Show us; we are in the dark, and want to know," said Corporation Counsel Edward H. Thomas this morning, in making formal demand on the attorneys for the Georgetown Gas Light Company for full information as to its affairs in order that the actual cash value of the plant and extensions might be determined. His demand for information included the minutes of the directors and stockholders of the company from June 24, 1904, to July 31, 1907, the current stock ledger, the balance sheets or inventories of the company for the entire period of the existence of the company, a statement of the gross and net earnings and dividends, of and the names and addresses of the amount of gas produced and sold, and the names and addresses of the present directors.

All of these items, said Mr. Thomas, were necessary to be shown, in order to have full information in determining what the actual cash value of the plant and extensions were. He contended that the attorneys for the company had introduced expert witnesses to demonstrate to the court what this value was, but cited several cases in which the value of such properties had been arrived at by determining first what had been the actual history of the concern and what it had done. He wished to demonstrate to the court that the accounts of the company itself might show the property to be worth, whether the result arrived at would be more or less than that estimated by the experts, or the same.

### McNamara Supports Demand.

Stuart McNamara, for the Government, seconded Mr. Thomas' demand for the same reasons. Said he: "They have brought their experts and testified as to the value of the property. When we come to our side of the case, we wish to show what the corporation's books say it has done. I unite fully with Mr. Thomas in this demand."

Mr. Perry characterized this going through the company's books in this manner as a "fishing expedition," and strongly denied the applicability of the information to be gained to the present case. He said the only function of an auditor was to determine the actual cash value of the property, and that the books of the company would be valuable or useful for this purpose. He took up each item, and argued against its relevancy.

### Company Wins Four Points.

Just before the session closed at 12:30 o'clock Auditor Payne rendered his decision on part of the demand and reserved his decision as to the balance until the next session, which will be next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. He sustained the objection of Mr. Perry as to the relevancy of the items, covering the three minutes, stock ledger, balance sheets, and names of the directors, leaving the balance open for consideration in the interim.

Benjamin Woodruff, secretary of the Washington Stock Exchange, was the first witness called this morning. Corporation Counsel Thomas questioned him as to the sales of stock of the Georgetown Gas Light Company, which brought out the information that 100 shares of stock had been sold on July 29, 1907, at \$100 a share and on the following day five shares at \$90. The witness agreed to furnish a statement of all sales from July 1 to July 30.

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## LABOR CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER BY N. C. SPRAGUE

Central Labor Union has scored a success in its effort to bring to this city in convention, national and international officers of the building trades unions, to discuss the dispute between the Employers' Association and the building trades, and, if possible, bring about a settlement of the lockout strike that has disrupted organized labor here for so long.

The convention was called to order this morning in Typographical Temple, at 10:30 o'clock, by Vice Chairman N. C. Sprague, of the committee of ten of Central Labor Union, in the absence from the city of Chairman John H. Brinkman. J. J. Purcell, of the local electrical workers, was selected as temporary secretary. The delegates were enrolled, showing twelve out of the seventeen expected present. Mr. Sprague was elected temporary president and Mr. Purcell temporary secretary.

After the temporary organization had been perfected, owing to the non-arrival of five of the delegates, who had wired that they would reach the city about noon, the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

### May Invite Employers.

The first thing to be done will be a presentation of the causes that led up to the existing labor trouble by members of the local building trades versed in the complicated conditions that surround the questions at issue. In all probability the Employers' Association will be invited to send representatives to the convention to present their side of the controversy, that the delegates may have both sides of the dispute from first hands for a more intelligent and impartial discussion of the questions to be considered.

### Gompers to Be Present.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will be invited to the floor of the convention this evening to meet the national and international officers, with all of whom he is personally acquainted. He may make an informal address.

These members of the Central Labor Union, accompanied by First Vice President Peace and Second Vice President Thornton, will arrive in the city some time this afternoon. Their presence is important, as their organizations hold the key to the strike situation, should it come to a strike.

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## BARGE VANISHED FROM ALEXANDRIA

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., AUG. 1.

The barge Norfolk, Captain Tyra, loaded with ties, was yesterday leveled on by City Sergeant Cox for debt amounting to about \$200. Mr. Cox placed a man named Joseph Mitchell in charge of the barge last night. About 2 o'clock this morning, however, the crew of the barge drove Mitchell off the vessel and under tow of a tug started down the river. By the time City Sergeant Cox had been notified the vessel with its cargo was many miles from Alexandria.

Mr. Cox is trying to have the barge stop before it reaches the mouth of the river.

A pretty and quiet wedding took place at the home of Capt. T. E. Gorham, in Payne street, last evening, when his daughter, Miss Hattie Roberta Gorham, became the bride of James E. McGowan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Irene Gorham, while the groom had as his best man Thomas Luckett.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lawrence Kelly, of St. Mary's Church. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will reside in Upper Prince street.

Miss Mildred L. O'Meara and Arthur H. Mitchell were married at the parsonage of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church last evening by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

George W. Pettey, chief of the Alexandria fire department, has completed his report for the fiscal year ended July 31. The chief reports that there were sixty-nine alarms of fire during the year. Of the fires, twenty-two were extinguished by alarm and fifteen by chemical extinguishers.

The Alexandria Athletic Association and the Paterson Park Athletic Club, of Baltimore, will play a game of baseball on the old fair grounds next Saturday afternoon.

The entire police force is hard at work to make the excursion of the Alexandria police department to Marshall Hall, August 26, a success. The proceeds will go to the uniform fund of the department.

Miss Fannie Wilson, who since the introduction of public schools in Alexandria, has been a teacher in them, has tendered her resignation to Superintendent of Schools K. Kemper.

Sallie C. Watkins has bought from Dr. George T. Klipstein a house and lot on the east side of Fayette street, between Prince and Duke streets. C. E. Bayliss has bought from M. R. O'Sullivan a house and lot on Franklin street, between Alfred and Columbus streets.

The State Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Columbia Granite Dredging Company, of Alexandria. The officers are: George W. Dalzell, president; C. E. Hagner, Jr., vice president; F. A. Colford, secretary and treasurer, all of Washington. The capital stock is fixed at from \$25,000 to \$300,000. The objects are to do a granite and dredging business.

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**Sample Drawers From the Baker Factories**

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Worth 25c Worth 35c Worth 59c Worth 98c Worth 1.49  
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**Sample Corset Covers From Baker Factories**

5c 11c 15c 29c 48c  
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Other Covers up to \$1.49. Worth up to \$3.00.

**Sample Petticoats From Baker Factories**

38c 49c 74c 94c 79c  
Worth 69c Worth 79c Worth 1.49 Worth 1.75 Worth 2.98  
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We start a sale of such goods tomorrow that's to offer you the greatest values of the summer season.

## Bargains in Men's Clothing

In one lot we've assembled 140 suits in blue and black serge and fancy mixtures.

Former prices \$10 to \$25. Now reduced to HALF PRICE.

53 Coats and coats and vests from suits that sold for \$12.50 to \$25 for..... \$3.75  
75 Pairs of Trousers, plain and cuff bottoms. Formerly \$1.50 to \$2.50..... 95c  
150 Odd Wool Vests in blue serge, black thibet, and fancy mixtures, left from suits formerly \$12.50 to \$35 for..... 35c

75 Wash Vests in plain white and fancy duck and fancy mercerized fabrics, that sold up to \$3.50 for..... 55c

**50c Office Coats HALF PRICE**

82 Serge and Alpaca Coats that sold for \$1.50 to \$7.50 now HALF PRICE.

## Children's Wearables Bargained

A great concourse of Odds and Ends assembled from the best selling lines of Boys' and Children's Wearables shown this season.

Eighty-one Children's Suits, double-breasted and novelty styles.

Formerly \$2.50 to \$9.00. Now HALF PRICE.

80 Odds and Ends of Children's Wash Suits. Formerly \$1 to \$5.00. Now 50c to..... \$2.00  
72 Serge and Alpaca Coats. Sizes up to 12. Formerly \$1 to \$2.50. Now..... 50c  
56 Odd Wool Coats that sold for 50c and 75c. Now..... 15c  
112 Star Blouses with collar attached.  
50 Fancy Stiff Bosom Shirts and 25 Shirt Waists that were \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50 to go for..... 45c

5 1/2 dozen White Unlaundered Shirts in sizes 12 to 14. Formerly 39c to 50c. Now..... 23c

Boys' Wash Coats, sizes from 14 to 18 years; formerly 25c to 50c. Now HALF PRICE.

25 Men's Linen and Silk Coats in small sizes that were formerly \$2.50 to \$5.00..... \$1.35

12 Crash Linen Coats and Pants Suits. Small sizes only. Formerly \$4. Now..... \$1.50

## Men's Furnishings Underpriced

The odds and ends of Men's Colored and White Negligee Shirts; some slightly soiled; sizes 16 1/2, 17, and 17 1/2. Formerly \$1.00. Now..... 45c

Fancy Silk Club Ties that always sold for 25c are now reduced to two for..... 25c

Japanese Straw Telescopes in three sizes; values up to \$1.50. Now..... 69c

Japanese Lunch Baskets, 15c values..... 7c

Men's Mercerized Shirts and Drawers in blue, white and tan; regular \$1 value; now..... 39c

Men's Balbriggan Athletic Undershirts; regular 39c value; now..... 15c

Men's White Washable Madras Four-in-Hand Ties, regular 25c value; now..... 10c

Broken line of Men's Fancy Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers; 50c value; now..... 29c

Odds and ends of Men's Belts; regularly worth up to 50c; now..... 15c

Men's Fancy Lisle Shirts and Drawers; Shirts in sizes 34, 36, 40, and 42; Drawers in sizes 34, 36, and 38; \$2.50 value; now..... 69c

Men's Cambric Collarless Night Shirts, regular 65c value; now..... 45c

## Broken Lots of Footwear

One lot of Women's Black Vici Kid and Patent Colt Oxford Ties, Blucher cut. Patent tips, plain vamp. \$2.50 and \$3.50 values..... \$1.35

One lot of Misses' and Children's Patent Colt Oxford Ties, Blucher and Low Button Models, plain vamp, turn soles. Very dressy. \$1.25 values..... 69c

One lot of Men's Patent Colt, Gun Metal Calf Oxfords; broken sizes. Regular \$3 and \$3.50 values..... \$1.90

## Odds and Ends in Sporting Goods

Bicycle Shoes, 25 pairs; both high and low cut; sizes 9 and 10 only. \$3.00 and \$3.50 value..... 75c

Fishing Rod Cases, about 12. In leather. Value \$2.00 and over..... 75c

Oars—6 pairs. Plain Ash and Spoon Oars..... 55c each

23 Back Grounds. \$1.00 value..... 55c each

Tennis Poles, 25 pair. \$1 and \$1.25 value..... 45c pair

83 Baseball Bats, 50c and 75c value..... 19c

97 Bait Buckets, 6-9 and quart capacity. Sold for 75c and \$1.00..... 45c each

102 Drying Negative Drying Racks. 15c value..... 7c

About 25 Razor Straps. 25c to 50c value..... 19c each

Felt Pillow Tops, of all local schools. 75c value..... 39c

College Pennants, about 75 in the lot, of out-of-town schools and colleges. Very nice for decorative purposes. Value 40c to \$1.00..... 29c

Razors; all \$1 to \$1.50 high grade razors at..... 55c

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